

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated March 19, 2009. Claims 1 to 9 and 11 to 14 are pending in the application, with Claim 15 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1 and 12 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1 to 9 and 11 to 14 are allowable.

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0040004 (Hefti). Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, and solely to expedite issuance of the subject application, Claim 15 has been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to be obviated.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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